



# PREF PROPELLER

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## SUPT.'S CORNER

**By: Michael Lloyd, Superintendent**

I hope that everyone enjoyed the meal that was served on Thursday of this week. Allowing for special occasions and events such as this and the recent Aces Wild concert are my way of saying "Thank you" for your hard work and efforts at PREF. It is rare that we are able to hold such events, which hopefully, make them all the more special. In this type of environment, time can pass without being able to appreciate some of the small things. This meal, although a small thing, is a way to enjoy the fruits of our efforts. Once again, I hope that everyone enjoyed the meal. Keep up the hard work and hopefully we can continue to enjoy these events.

## LINCOLN BANK

**By: Dalton Haney, PIO**

As many of you are aware, funds that were allocated to be transferred to Lincoln Bank from Trust Fund Accounts via remittance slips will not be transferred until next week. Residents will not have the opportunity to make adjustments to the remittance slips already submitted and no late slips will be accepted. The funds will be transferred the middle of next week. I understand many residents were expecting this money to allow them to eat at the deli this weekend, so I apologize for the inconvenience.

## OPINION COLUMN

**Topic:** Moto GP racing at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in the place of Formula-1 racing.

I feel it is unfortunate that Formula One racing will no longer visit Indianapolis. The race at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway was the only Formula One race in the United States and now it is gone. Formula One seemed to be gaining momentum and popularity here in the U.S. It is an international racing series with spectators in many different countries and continents. Spectators would come to the U.S. Grand Prix from all over the world because we were able to keep the race at an affordable price. I think that had Moto GP joined Formula One in Indianapolis, the interest in both races would have increased.

Moto GP is the equivalent of Formula One in the motorcycle world with no other motorcycle racing series even comparing. Both Moto GP and Formula One are elite international series. It is disappointing that Formula One will not be returning, but I am looking forward to the Moto GP race.

-Dalton Haney, PIO

It is my belief that the Moto GP racing at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in the place of the Formula-1 racing is going to be an even bigger hit for the track, for the sport, as well as for the city of Indianapolis.

As popular as Formula-1 racing is, Moto GP racing is, I think, more popular.

The crowds for Moto GP racing are going to be **HUGE!** The city of Indianapolis can and will relate more to Moto GP racing than they did to the Formula-1 racing. Because they (the city) can and will be able to better relate, the attendance of the race(s) will be higher. More people in Indianapolis and all over the world own more motorcycles than they do Formula-1 racecars.

I am glad to have Moto GP racing here in Indianapolis, IN, and especially at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. I do plan to visit the track on race day for a Moto GP race.

-Dwight Cobbs, #891991

**Next week's topic:** Minimum wage increase from \$5.15 to \$5.85 as of July 23, 2007 and on its way to \$7.25 by 2009.

## **NOTE ABOUT THE MINIMUM WAGE ACT**

**By: Dwight Cobbs, PIO Clerk**

The federal minimum wage was established in 1938, as part of the Fair Labor Standards Act, at 25 cents an hour. Today's increase to \$5.85 an hour is the 26<sup>th</sup> since its inception. The act also provides minimum standards for overtime entitlement and includes provisions related to child labor and equal pay.

## **SPORTS**

**By: Dwight Cobbs, PIO Clerk**

Below is a listing of the standings for the PREF softball season

	W	L
<b>Cubs</b> – D. White -----	11	3
<b>Underdogs</b> – J. Barrett -----	4	10
<b>Crop Dusters</b> – C. Lewis -----	10	4
<b>Bad News Bears</b> – A. Montgomery --	1	13
<b>Fat Man Inc.</b> – J. Edwards -----	11	3

## **Tournament**

Cubs beat Underdog ----- 3 - 2  
 Fat Man beat Bad News Bears ----- 15 - 2  
 Fat Man beat Crop Dusters ----- 8 - 7  
 Fat Man beat Cubs ----- 11 - 2  
 Fat Man beat Cubs ----- 9 - 7

## **1<sup>st</sup> Place-Fat Man Inc.**

J. Cashdollar, Dunbar  
 J. Perry, Lincoln  
 L. Perry, Walsh  
 R. Williams, Johnston  
 N. McKnight, Tanner  
 B. Calvert, Stegemiller  
 W. Sanders, Westendorf  
 K. Taylor, Young  
 J. Caldwell, Tanner  
 B. Lehman, Westendorf  
 J. Payne, Tanner  
 R. Frazier, Stegemiller  
 J. Edwards – Coach, Westendorf

**Note: MVP** – L. Perry

**Most home runs** – W. McKnight

## **2nd Place-Cubs**

D. White, Stegemiller  
 R. Richardson, Young  
 A. Mclay, Dunbar  
 B. Riley, Tanner  
 D. Pierce, Dunbar  
 M. Featherston, Young  
 Mr. Robertson, Johnston  
 J. Currens, Lincoln  
 C. Crowe, Lincoln  
 T. Case, Westendorf  
 T. Wilson, Walsh  
 M. Stephenson, Walsh

## **SCREAMING EAGLES**

**By: Dwight Cobbs, PIO Clerk**

Many of you know of the model plane flying club here at PREF called the Screaming Eagles. The club consists of outside volunteers and residents of PREF who are selected to go out and fly these

planes periodically as the weather permits. The residents meet the volunteers in the Screaming Eagles Park just behind the facility (outside the fence) and together they fly the remote controlled planes.

One of the last times that the volunteers and residents went out to fly the model planes, there was a plane crash involving a couple of the planes. Actually, the two planes crashed head on, and are said to have been crashed by residents Mr. "Ill Bill" Montgomery and Mr. "Crashinberry" Cushinberry. PREF residents Mr. "Ill Bill" Montgomery, Mr. "Crashinberry" Cushinberry, Mr. Gaston, Mr. Williamson, and Mr. Little were in attendance.

The volunteers, who own the planes and allow the residents to fly them using a monitored remote, seem to have thought that the planes colliding in the air was pretty funny. Apparently, they had been attempting for some time to crash two planes head on but had been unsuccessful until now, and this crash was not intentional. It was all a matter of time and chance.

"There has not been a black box found as of yet, nor are there any known survivors of the crash", Mr. Williamson said with a laugh.

## **RECOGNITION AND ANNOUNCEMENT**

**By: Keith Jackson, Resource Library Clerk**

The Resource Library, located in the school building, room #102, now has copies of recently released magazines such as Black Enterprise, Tennis, Big, Computer World, eWeek, Computer Shopper, Campus Technology, Visual Studio, Windows It Pro, Horticulture, Flying, Successful Meeting, and Distribution. It is Classification Supervisor, Mr. Smith's support of the Resource Library that has provided us with these recently released magazines to read.

On behalf of the entire resident population of PREF, extra special thanks go out to Mr. Smith for his contribution to the Resource Library and to the enrichment of our minds and lives through literature.

## **YOUNG EMPLOYEES AND THEIR EGGLESS NESTS**

**By: Sharon Epperson**

Are you 30 or under and enrolled in a 401(k) plan? If so, you are in a minority. A Hewitt Associates survey shows that less than half of 20-somethings contribute to one. And about 40% of those who do aren't forking over enough to get the full company match, if their employer offers one.

**HOW TO GET ONBOARD:** Find out how much you need to save to retire and how you can boost your savings now. And know that signing up for a 401(k) is getting a lot easier; thanks to the Pension Protection Act of 2006. Now, some companies offer automatic enrollment, making the process more of a no-brainer.

## **THE PREF LOGO**

**By: Robert Reffitt, PREF Resident**

I had heard of PREF through flyers that were posted at the Putnamville Correctional Facility, otherwise known as "The Farm." I had asked my family to pull up online any information they could as to what the PREF Program was about. I received literature on the program shortly thereafter. I had also heard through other offenders that the facility and programs offered at PREF were great. I then made the decision to sign up for PREF.

I arrived at PREF on February 21, 2007. The first good impression I had of the facility was the greeting at the gate, which was "Welcome to PREF. Leave your attitude at the gate." The next was coming up the hill to see the lavish grounds. I

noticed that the staff was very helpful and pleasant to talk to. They really wanted to help, as if putting a hand out to try and pull you up. I was shocked to be called a resident. Shortly after I received an ID with the statement "IT BEGINS WITH ME." This has been so true.

Nevertheless, I was reading a PREF Propeller that was posted in Westendorf. It spoke of a contest to design a logo for PREF. I have been blessed with a gift in this life and that is of creative artistic ability. I had designed logos for past employers that have been copy written. Before coming to the Indiana Department of Corrections, I was a regional general manager for J.D. Byrider Auto Inc. for a period of 12 years. I designed their derby logo for CNAC (Car Now Acceptance Company). Therefore, I decided to try the PREF logo.

As to how I came up with the idea, first, PREF stands for four words. The dorms have sort of a homey look to them, so I decided to use the banners to represent the structure, and to put the four words inside that structure. Second, PREF is located on a very nice piece of property that looks like most parks, a little hill with beautiful trees. This gave me the idea for the center, the foreground of the logo. Third, the two men climbing the stairs, one tries to help the other up. That represents the attitude that I felt here from the staff and other residents. This is how I came up with what we have now as the PREF logo. I have to admit that I am very pleased that everyone likes it. I hope it will be used for as long as this facility exists. I look at it as a way to leave a positive mark here after I am gone.

However, I would like to make this statement to all the residents at PREF. It is what you make of it. I believe in this program and the efforts that the staff is trying to make here. I have met many other residents that did not make it through this program. They could honestly only say great

things about it, and tell of how sweet it was here; wishing they could somehow come back. Use this to your advantage. Make your stay here work for you. Take advantage of everything they have to offer. Treat others as well as you want to be treated. Make the right decisions so you can get on with your life and return to your families.

Finally, I will soon be leaving PREF. I wish to thank each staff member for all they have done to make my re-entry a successful one. I would especially like to thank Mr. Lloyd, Superintendent, Ms. Lane, Specialist 2, Ms. Weliver, Specialist 3, Ms. Payne, Specialist 3, Ms. Pine, Release Coordinator, and Mr. Brodhacker, Supervisor of Education, for jumping through hoops for me.



## **JOB OPENING**

**By: Dwight Cobbs, PIO Clerk**

The Facility Policy Coordinator, Mr. Mathis has been given approval by Mr. Lloyd, Superintendent, to have a resident clerk in his office at the school.

All applicants for the clerk position must have at least a GED, some computer skills, some clerical skills, and be clear of any class A and/or B conduct reports for 6 months.

If anyone is interested in this job assignment, please contact Mr. Mathis by way of a memo letting him know.

**Other Job Openings:**

Law Library Clerk

Education Tutors

Sanitation:

- Westendorf

- Tanner

- School

Maintenance:

- School

Laundry

Food Service

Paint Crew

**Outside Jobs (Resident(s) must be approved by Mr. Lloyd, Superintendent):**

IYC Motor Pool (10 openings)

IYC Fencing Crew (5 openings)

IYC Warehouse (varies weekly)

If a resident has not yet been approved for outside work, please send Mr. Smith, Classification Specialist III, a memo requesting approval and state which job opening he is interested in. If approved, please see Mr. Smith directly for these positions.

## **JUST A THOUGHT**

**By: Dwight Cobbs, PIO Clerk**

Everyone sees what you appear to be;  
few experience what you really are.

- Niccolo Machiavelli

## **HAVE A LAUGH**

**By: Christian Surface, Dorm Rep**

There is a difference between looking cool and not looking so hot.

Suggestions for The PREF Propeller should be e-mailed to Mr. Dalton Haney, PREF PIO, with a subject line of "PREF Propeller" or given to Mr. Dwight Cobbs, PREF PIO Clerk, Young-dorm.